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Dr. Kendra Zamzow, a geochemist, explains why the type of rocks (geology) and water (hydrology) make the Pebble deposit so different -- and more dangerous -- than other Alaska mines. At just .34 percent copper, Pebble's low-grade ore veins mean the miners will be largely digging up sulfide-laced waste rocks.

She writes in the Bristol Bay Times: "Pebble dwarfs all the mines in Alaska put together. Mountains of waste rock will have snowmelt, rain, fog, and wind etching away at them, starting the acid reaction if the rock wasn't sorted correctly, eroding particles with trace metals, washing out toxic elements like arsenic that don't need acid to mobilize. Miles of tailings ponds containing the milling waste - a slurry of finely ground mineralized rock and processing chemicals - that will leach down into permeable gravels. Hopefully the contaminants will leach slowly enough that groundwater dilutes them, but that is an awful risk -groundwater feeds salmon spawning habitat."

Last week, Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) introduced legislation to sustain thriving wild salmon populations - or "salmon strongholds" - to preserve the economic, ecological, cultural, and health benefits of wild Pacific salmon for future generations. The bill is backed by all eight U.S. senators representing the Pacific Coast states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and California.

Bristol Bay commercial fisherman Matt Aboussie, who brings wild, sustainable sockeye salmon to Rocky Mountain farmers' markets, is featured in a food piece by the Daily Camera in Boulder, Colo.

And, firefighter Chris Hurst of Plainfield, Ill., is the winner of the national "Keep the Bugs Away in Bristol Bay" contest. The 'diehard angler' wins a three night dream fishing trip to Bristol Bay next summer, courtesy of adventure outfitter ExOfficio and Trout Unlimited, including lodging, guiding, gear and transportation.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

Pebble is different from other Alaska mines

Kendra Zamzow

Bristol Bay Times

Alaska's history is rich with mining, and every mine is different. Gold, copper, lead. But when it comes to the risk of contamination, differences in geology and hydrology - rocks and water - drive the risk. Pebble is different from other Alaska mines because of rocks and water... [Click here to read more](#)

Alaska salmon from Bristol Bay to your plate in Boulder

Cindy Sutter

Daily Camera

Matt Aboussie leads a dual life. During the late summer and winter, he sells frozen Alaskan salmon at Denver-area farmers' markets and to people in their homes. In the early summer, he's a fisherman working the salmon run from a remote village on Bristol Bay in Alaska... [Click here to read more](#)

Plainfield Man wins \$11,000 Alaska Trip

Karen Sorenson

Patch

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Bill introduced by Senator Maria Cantwell would help boost wild salmon runs

Mark Yuasa

Seattle Times

Here is a press release that came from the desk of Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) that would help rebuild wild salmon populations: This week, U.S. senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) introduced legislation that would sustain thriving wild salmon populations... [Click here to read more](#)

State Intervenes in Pebble Mine Case

Daysha Eaton

KDLG

The State of Alaska has intervened in the case of the Pebble Limited Partnership versus the Lake and Peninsula Borough. The case revolves around whether or not a citizen initiative can go to the ballot in October... [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay Salmon Camp July 28th – August 2nd

Future Alaskans in Fisheries & Marine Sciences

The Bristol Bay Economical Development Corporation (BBEDC) has offered a five day summer camp called Salmon Camp for a number of years however this year was a whole new adventure... [Click here to read more](#)

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